

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed April 18, 2008 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Specification

The specification has been amended in order to address the objections raised in the Office Action. Specifically, the errant prefix word “un” has been removed from ¶ [0003].

Subject Matter Indicated Allowed or Allowable

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claims 1-5 and 8-10.

Claim Objections

The term “characterised” has been changed to “characterized” throughout the claims, consistent with American English usage, obviating the objection to the claims.

Rejection(s) Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 6-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Claims 6-7 have been amended to replace the phrase “the general law of evolution” with “analytical model of mobility and deformation” to correct a translation error. Claims 6-7 depend from claim 1, indicated to be allowable, and are therefore also allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the preceding discussion, Applicants respectfully urge that the claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and should be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone call would help advance prosecution of the present invention, the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Please charge any additional required fees, including those necessary to obtain extensions of time to render timely the filing of the instant Amendment and/or Reply to Office Action, or credit any overpayment not otherwise credited, to our deposit account no. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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